



OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington, DC 20260-0011

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Dear Dr. Green:

Enclosed is an updated list of Postmasters General for use in your book. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Part II - Postmasters General

Beginning with Benjamin Franklin under the Continental Congress, 69 men have held the office of Postmaster General of the United States. Beginning with Samuel Osgood, the first Postmaster General appointed after the adoption of the Constitution in 1789, 66 men have held that office.

Appointed by the Continental Congress

	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Took Office</u>
Benjamin Franklin	July 26, 1775	July 26, 1775
Richard Bache	November 7, 1776	November 7, 1776
Ebenezer Hazard	January 28, 1782	January 28, 1782

Appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate

	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Took Office</u>
Samuel Osgood	September 26, 1789	September 26, 1789
Timothy Pickering	August 12, 1791	August 19, 1791
Joseph Habersham	February 25, 1795	July 1, 1795
Gideon Granger	November 28, 1801	November 28, 1801
Return J. Meigs, Jr.	March 17, 1814	April 11, 1814
John McLean	June 26, 1823	July 1, 1823
William T. Barry	March 9, 1829	April 6, 1829
Amos Kendall	May 1, 1835	May 1, 1835
John M. Niles	May 19, 1840	May 26, 1840
Francis Granger	March 6, 1841	March 8, 1841
Charles A. Wickliffe	September 13, 1841	October 13, 1841
Cave Johnson	March 6, 1845	March 7, 1845
Jacob Collamer	March 8, 1849	March 8, 1849
Nathan K. Hall	July 23, 1850	July 23, 1850
Samuel D. Hubbard	August 31, 1852	September 14, 1852
James Campbell	March 7, 1853	March 8, 1853
Aaron V. Brown	March 6, 1857	March 7, 1857
Joseph Holt	March 14, 1859	March 14, 1859
Horatio King	February 12, 1861	February 12, 1861
Montgomery Blair	March 5, 1861	March 9, 1861
William Dennison	September 24, 1864	October 1, 1864
Alexander W. Randall	July 25, 1866	July 25, 1866
John A. J. Creswell	March 5, 1869	March 6, 1869
James W. Marshall	July 3, 1874	July 7, 1874
Marshall Jewell	August 24, 1874	September 1, 1874
James N. Tyner	July 12, 1876	July 13, 1876
David McK. Key	March 12, 1877	March 13, 1877
Horace Maynard	June 2, 1880	August 25, 1880
Thomas L. James	March 5, 1881	March 8, 1881
Timothy O. Howe	December 20, 1881	January 5, 1882
Walter Q. Gresham	April 3, 1883	April 11, 1883
Frank Hatton	October 14, 1884	October 15, 1884
William F. Vilas	March 6, 1885	March 7, 1885
Don M. Dickinson	January 16, 1888	January 17, 1888
John Wanamaker	March 5, 1889	March 6, 1889

Wilson S. Bissell	March 6, 1893	March 8, 1893
William L. Wilson	March 1, 1895	April 4, 1895
James A. Gary	March 5, 1897	March 6, 1897
Charles Emory Smith	April 21, 1898	April 23, 1898
Henry C. Payne	January 9, 1902	January 15, 1902
Robert J. Wynne	October 10, 1904	October 10, 1904
George B. Cortelyou	March 6, 1905	March 7, 1905
George von L. Meyer	January 15, 1907	March 4, 1907
Frank H. Hitchcock	March 5, 1909	March 6, 1909
Albert S. Burleson	March 5, 1913	March 5, 1913
Will H. Hays	March 5, 1921	March 5, 1921
Hubert Work	March 4, 1922	March 4, 1922
Harry S. New	February 27, 1923	March 4, 1923
Walter F. Brown	March 5, 1929	March 5, 1929
James A. Farley	March 4, 1933	March 6, 1933
Frank C. Walker	September 10, 1940	September 11, 1940
Robert E. Hannegan	May 8, 1945	July 1, 1945
Jesse M. Donaldson	December 16, 1947	December 16, 1947
Arthur E. Summerfield	January 21, 1953	January 21, 1953
J. Edward Day	January 21, 1961	January 21, 1961
John A. Gronouski	September 30, 1963	September 30, 1963
Lawrence F. O'Brien	November 3, 1965	November 3, 1965
W. Marvin Watson	April 26, 1968	April 26, 1968
Winton M. Blount	January 22, 1969	January 22, 1969

Appointed by the Board of Governors

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Took Office</u>
Winton M. Blount	January 13, 1971	January 13, 1971
E.T. Klassen	December 7, 1971	January 1, 1972
Benjamin F. Bailar	January 7, 1975	February 16, 1975
William F. Bolger	March 1, 1978	March 15, 1978
Paul N. Carlin	December 12, 1984	January 1, 1985
Albert V. Casey	January 6, 1986	January 7, 1986
Preston R. Tisch	August 6, 1986	August 16, 1986
Anthony M. Frank	February 2, 1988	March 1, 1988